

Callistemon viminalis 'Little John'

(Weeping Bottlebrush, Little John Dwarf Bottlebrush)

Callistemon viminalis is an evergreen multi-trunke tree. It has bright red flower spikes. The tree has a weeping branches which is full of the fuzzy bright red flowers in spring. The flowers are attracting hummingbirds. The tree needs to be grown on full sun and preferably on moist soil. It can tolerate drought but best flowering occurs with regular watering. The cultivar `Red Cascade' has large red flowers in spring and fall.

'Little John' is a dwarf cultivar that offers the same bright red fuzzy flower clusters but on a dwarf, dense, rounded shrub.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Callistemon pleureur

Pronunciation: kal-liss-STEE-mawn vim-min-NAY-liss

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Australia

Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Container, Wildlife, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Weeping

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

Notes

Weeping Bottlebrush tree is not suitable for street tree planting due to its weeping growth habit, but can be planted in road medians. It also often occurs along watercourses.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Can be trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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